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4. A lieutenant and ten police from the Weissenfels (M 52/J 99) VP Bereitschaft were scheduled in mid-April 1950 for a transfer to Muegen Island (N 55/P 65). They were all former glider pilots.
5. A VP officer stated that two VP tank units were stationed in Dessau (M 52/E 17), and that they were receiving training with German P4 type tanks in addition to light tanks.
6. It was rumored that the VP units were recently redesignated in accordance with the German Army terms for tactical units, and that German Army ranks would soon be reintroduced into the Volkspolizei. Some VP terms, with the corresponding army terms were:

Gruppe	- Gruppe (squad, section)
Abteilung	- Zug (platoon)
Kommando	- Kompanie (company)
Bereitschaft	- Abteilung (battalion), of 1,000 men.

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